



FLASH BULLETIN 2005 Year-End

Greetings from the President/Executive Director

2005, our 15th anniversary, has been an extraordinary year for AAPIP! Our Boston chapter launched our year-long events last January. Then our chapter leaders across the country organized in New York, Chicago, Seattle, Minnesota, Washington DC, San Francisco, culminating with our celebration in Los Angeles. Largely due to the hard work of many of you coupled with the tremendous leadership of our board, chapter co-chairs, steering committee members and key allies, AAPIP is now nearly 500 member strong, 8 chapters and poised to begin re-granting funds within the next year. We are pleased to manage/host several donor advised funds and giving circles as we incubate our ability to grow community philanthropy. In the past few months, the Ford Foundation has granted AAPIP an unprecedented \$2.7million to seed the first two years of the National Gender & Equity Campaign. We look forward to working with you in 2006 as we travel across the country to strategize and roll out the campaign.

This past year was also a time of both sadness and celebration. We bid a fond farewell to longtime board members Lisa Philp and Bill Ong Hing and to longtime staff member Rita Bawanan Merzoian. We also have welcomed new board members Danielle Reyes, Lina Paredes and Jeff Kumataka along with new staff members Phuong Quach, Stefanie Ritoper and Butler/Koshland Fellow, Sandy Kajiyama. We mourned the passing of our legal counsel and incredible community advocate, Alan Watahara. We continue to appreciate his counsel and support as we have entered new areas of work.

Thank you for continuing to work together to build AAPIP as we maintain our commitment to strengthening our communities and insisting that philanthropy be more equitable for all.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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I. National News

A. Year in Review: Highlights from 2005

Annual Membership Meeting: San Diego. April 9-10

Along with the Annual Membership Meeting, AAPIP held special 15th anniversary celebration events in conjunction with the Council on Foundations Annual Conference. On April 9, AAPIP hosted our 15th Anniversary Reception followed by a 15th Anniversary Film Screening of "Refugee," directed by prominent Asian American filmmaker and Henry Hampton Award winner Spencer Nakasako. The screening was co-sponsored by Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees (GCIR) and Grantmakers in Film and Electronic Media (GFEM).

Annual Leadership Retreat: Seattle, Washington, September 16-18

AAPIP Board of Directors and Chapter Leaders had a successful and productive 3-day retreat in Seattle, which included a Chapter Networking Breakfast, Board and Chapter meeting at the Chinatown Community Center, a Community Walking Tour of the Seattle International District and dinner at the Tamarind Tree restaurant

The Community Walking Tour include visits to the Panama Tea Room, Japanese Bath Houses and Wing Luke Asian Museum.

Asian and Pacific Islander Prisoner Reentry: A Profile of Characteristics, Issues and Programs:

AAPIP published this groundbreaking study on API Prisoner reentry issues and opportunities in California and Hawaii, authored by Angela Oh and Dr. Karen Umemoto. We also held three very successful funder and community briefings on the topic in Hawaii and in Northern and Southern California. This report is available online at www.aapip.org.

Philanthropic Advocacy: *Engaging community and philanthropy to address unmet needs.*

- **National Gender and Equity Campaign.** 2006 will mark the roll out of AAPIP's groundbreaking National Gender and Equity Campaign. Funded by an initial, two-year \$2.7 million grant from the Ford Foundation, the ten-year campaign will pilot a national movement-building strategy and capacity-building effort focused on gender issues impacting women and families. Watch for details soon.
- **Post 9-11 Civic Engagement Fund.** AAPIP will incubate a small San Francisco/Bay Area collaborative fund focusing on the Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim and South Asian communities. The project will create a peer-learning network of grantees and funders and provide technical assistance and small capacity-building grants to fund recipients.
- **Top 20 Research Report.** As part of its ongoing research for and about the needs and issues of APA communities, AAPIP will release a research report in 2006 that examines giving to APA communities by the country's 20 largest foundations (in existence for over 20 years) from 1991-2002.

Community Philanthropy: *Supporting Asian Pacific American giving.*

- **AAPIP Community Action Fund.** AAPIP will launch and promote the CAF to support relief efforts of people affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. CAF's dual mission is to provide funds to local groups for immediate relief to help families facing language/cultural challenges as well as support long-term policy/advocacy and community development efforts.
- **Giving Circles.** AAPIP will continue to promote, support and administer a national giving circle and regional giving circles across the country as a mechanism to build community philanthropy.
- **APA Donors Network.** Through customized trainings and partnerships with other organizations, AAPIP will work to create and incubate the first national network of APA individual donors.

B. Membership Online Directory, Chapter pages and Listserv Update

Membership Online Directory:

If you have not already done so, please log into the online membership directory from the AAPIP homepage: www.aapip.org and update your membership profile. If you've misplaced your temporary password, please request it again by emailing membership@aapip.org. Once you have logged in, we encourage you to change your password and make sure your personal information is up to date by clicking 'my account'

on the left navigation bar. After updating information, make sure you click 'Update' at the bottom of the form to save your changes.

The Members' Only portion of the AAPIP website will you to:

- Access the most updated member information
- Query all the types of information currently available in the printed directory
- Update your individual contact information

Take a minute to check in and explore the new directory. Let us know what you think.

Chapter pages

Chapter pages are currently under construction, but you can watch the progress as they become available. See your chapter website by signing in and clicking the "chapters" tab on the left hand side. All chapters will have a page which contains:

- Chapter co chair contact information
- General information about the chapter
- Upcoming chapter events
- Resources
- Local APA organizations

Listservs

We now have listservs directly linked to our online membership directory!

Last week we launched the National AAPIP listserv, which will be used to send you quarterly Flash Bulletins, monthly job postings and other news from the National office.

You will also automatically be subscribed to your local chapter listserv. This will be used to send you information on upcoming local events news from your local chapter co chairs.

To unsubscribe from the listserv, you must sign in to the online directory and update your profile. For assistance, email membership@aapip.org.

C. New AAPIP Board Member and Chapter Co-Chairs

Welcome new Board Member: Jeff Kumataka

Jeff Kumataka joined the AAPIP Board of Directors this fall. At The James Irvine Foundation, Jeff started as Director of Finance in August 2004, and was appointed Director of Finance and Administration in November 2004. Jeff came to Irvine with more than two decades of financial management experience, having most recently served as controller at The Omidyar Foundation/Omidyar Network, where he implemented new accounting and grants management systems. Prior to working with Omidyar, Jeff served as Financial Controller at Telstra Inc.; Corporate Controller at Planet U Inc. and Heald Colleges; and Comptroller and Director of Finance and IT at the University of Maryland Asian Division—Tokyo, Japan. Jeff holds a Master of Management degree from

Northwestern Kellogg School of Management, a B.S. in Finance from University of Illinois, and is a California Certified Public Accountant

Welcome new Chapter Co-Chairs!!

Metro/DC Chapter:

Donna Ortega: Program Assistant, Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation

Rea Panares: Director, Minority Health Initiatives, Families USA

James Fong: Senior Associate, Anne E. Casey Foundation

Chicago Chapter:

Ramona Gupta: Special Projects Coordinator, Center for Economic Progress

D. Welcome New AAPIP Staff!

Phuong Quach: Membership and Communications Director

Penny Snipper: Minnesota Coordinator, National Gender and Equity Campaign

Stefanie Ritoper: Research and Membership Associate

AAPIP Hosts New Butler-Koshland Fellow: Sandy Kajiyama

In its latest effort to invest in diverse leadership for California, The Butler-Koshland Donor Advised Fund has awarded a fellowship to an Asian American leader with a vision of promoting community-based giving. Sandy Kajiyama, a fourth generation Japanese American, was awarded the Butler-Koshland Fellowship in September and will spend the year supporting the efforts of AAPIP.

The prestigious fellowship honors Lewis Butler and Dan Koshland, two of San Francisco's most esteemed leaders and mentors in nonprofits and philanthropy. For over 40 years as a pioneering lawyer, public servant, and guiding spirit of organizations and foundations, Lew Butler has set an inspiring example of community leadership. Today he carries on the legacy of his mentor, philanthropist Dan Koshland, in fields as diverse as race relations, the environment, arms control, public health, and law and governance. Koshland, who passed away in 1979, was a descendent of Levi Strauss and founder of The San Francisco Foundation.

II. Regional News: 15th Anniversary Celebrations

Boston: March 11

Fifth Annual Funder Education Luncheon:

Civic Engagement: Voter Education in MA's Asian American communities

The AAPIP Boston Chapter organized a panel discussion on the unique challenges in Massachusetts's Asian American communities and current initiatives to encourage civic participation for systemic change.

Panelists included:

Angel H. Bermudez, Director of Grantmaking, The Boston Foundation

Ali Noorani, Executive Director, Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA)

Nhan Paul TonThat, Executive Director, Viet-AID

Paul Watanabe, Director, Institute for Asian American Studies, University of Massachusetts Boston

New York: March 24

The AAPIP New York Chapter held a Lunar New Year Reception and 15th Anniversary Celebration. The evening of cocktails and delicious pan-Asian cuisine was held at the Mertz Gilmore Foundation. The program highlighted the philanthropic sector's role in supporting critical programs and services needed by the diverse Asian community in New York City.

Special guest speakers included:

John Liu, New York City Council Member

Joo-Hyun Kang, Director of Programs at Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice

Peggy Saika, President/Executive Director of AAPIP

Chicago: June 7

The AAPIP Chicago Chapter held their 15th Anniversary celebration jointly with the Asian Giving Circle, which is a fund of the Chicago Community Trust. The event took place at the Cambodian American Heritage Museum and Killing Fields Memorial.

The event was also the Asian Giving Circle's second annual award ceremony, where the following grant recipients were recognized:

Japanese American Service Committee

Korean American Resource and Cultural Center

Vietnamese Association of Illinois

Zam's Hope

The event also included special performances by the Cambodian Association of Illinois Khmer Arts and Cultural Dance Troupe.

Seattle/Puget Sound: September 16

This year, the AAPIP Seattle Chapter hosted the Annual Leadership Retreat for AAPIP Board of Directors and Chapter Co Chairs. They kicked off the retreat with a 15th Anniversary celebration. The evening reception honored Barbara Phillips, Ford Foundation, for her work with the National Gender and Equity Campaign. It also included a panel discussion on "APA Leadership".

Panelist included:

C.J. Rosenblatt Liu (moderator) Donor/Partner, Social Venture Partner International

Phyllis Campbell, CEO of The Seattle Foundation

Ron Chew, Executive Director of Wing Luke Asian Museum

Scott Oki, Oki Foundation

Peggy Saika, President/Executive Director of AAPIP and find out about their organizations' innovative approaches to philanthropy.

Northern California: October 12

Northern California AAPIP members chose the International Hotel in historic Manilatown as the site of the event in order to highlight AAPIP's roots in Asian Pacific American activism. The rebuilt I-Hotel, a senior housing complex and the site of a 30 year struggle for affordable housing for low-income and elderly Asians and Pacific Islanders, symbolizes the inequities that these communities in San Francisco have faced historically

The evening's program featured cultural entertainment from established and emerging APA performing artists such as 8th Wonder Collective, Dhamaal Sound System, Hanmadang performing arts group of the Korean Youth Cultural Center, and a special reading by poet Al Robles--Manilatown community leader and I-Hotel activist

Minnesota: November 1

AAPIP Minnesota Chapter 15th Anniversary Celebration was held at the McKnight Foundation with TEN CEOs/Presidents in attendance, including:

Peggy Birk, McKnight Foundation (Interim President)
Ellis Bullock, Grotto Foundation
Emmett Carson, Minneapolis Foundation
Bill King, Minnesota Council on Foundations
John Kostishack, Otto Bremer Foundation
Anita Pampusch, Bush Foundation
John Pratt, Minnesota Council of Nonprofits
Steve Newcom, Headwaters Foundation for Justice
Carleen Rhodes, St. Paul Foundation
Lee Roper-Batker, Women's Foundation of Minnesota

Opening remarks were given by Claire Chang, MN Chapter Co-Chair and Director of Program Planning and Special Initiatives at the St. Paul Foundation. Special remarks were given by Dr. Emmett Carson, President/CEO of The Minneapolis Foundation and Chair, Board of Directors, Council on Foundations and Peggy Saika.

The event included lion dancing by the Chinese American Association of Minnesota (CAAM) and Hawaiian music by Maile Bell and Ernie Kanoa, Hula Halau 'O Maile and Keli'I Po'okalaini.

Metro/DC: November 1

AAPIP Metro DC Chapter convened at Flashpoint in Washington, DC to learn about board service, network with local nonprofits, and celebrate 15 years of AAPIP. Following a panel on Nonprofit board service, representatives from over 15 APA-serving national and local nonprofit organizations shared information about their work and connected with new potential volunteers and board members during a celebratory reception.

Panelists:

Rick Moyers (Moderator) Program Officer, Nonprofit Sector Fund, Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation

Anjali Nagpaul, Executive Director, Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project

John C. Yang, Board Chair, Asian American Justice Center; and Co-Founder and Board Member, Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center

Los Angeles: November 3

AAPIP LA Chapter highlighted the South Asian community in Southern California with a day-long event in Artesia, the heart of LA County's "Little India". Events of the day helped to further explore the richness of these cultures and understand the issues they face.

The events included:

- Demographic and Historical Overview of the South Asian community
- Music and dance performances
- Panel discussion moderated by Surina Khan, SPO of The Women's Foundation of California
Topic: Current social, political, economic and cultural opportunities and challenges of the community.
- Guided Walking Tour of "Little India"
- Bollywood Movie at Naz 8 Cinemas

III. Opportunities, Resources and Events**APA Philanthropy Bibliography Online!**

Philanthropy in Asian Pacific America is a growing area of research that is extremely rich in its possibilities for expanding the horizons of the philanthropic world. The goal of compiling this annotated bibliography was to pull together useful resources for those interested in the topic of Asian Pacific American philanthropy, whether researchers, community organizations or funders.

We are pleased to announce that the complete bibliography is available online at www.aapip.org. From the homepage, click on the "About" tab and then "Publications" tab on the left column.

Reminder: Quarters discount for AAPIP members

AAPIP is member of Club Quarters, a private hotel that offers facilities ideal for the business traveler. The hotels are centrally located in New York (downtown, midtown and at Rockefeller Center), Washington DC, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago (two locations), San Francisco, Houston and London.

Please refer to their website www.clubquarters.com for locations, amenities, rates (weekend rates are very reasonable) and reservation information. To make reservations, you need to mention that you are a member or guest of AAPIP.

Whether traveling for business or pleasure, Club Quarters provides excellent accommodations and service at a reasonable price. AAPIP is happy to provide this opportunity to its members. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette (jeanette@aapip.org).

****MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Important 2006 Save the dates!!****

May 6, Pittsburgh: Board Meeting and Special mid-year Leadership meeting

May 7, Pittsburgh: Annual Membership Meeting

September 16-17, Boston: Leadership Retreat